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WEATHER
Partly cloudy tonight, Tuesday;
continued cold.

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Washington Day by Day

BY DR. JAMES E. POPE
Special Washington Correspondent

WISE MEN TO THE POTOMAC

In the beginning of the year 1, A. D., there were only three Wise Men, and the star they followed was not the star of political aggrandizement. After nineteen hundred years those ancient and devout men who bore frankincense and myrrh to Bethlehem have more I'll have - you believe namesakes than the Mayflower's Pilgrims have. The alleged descendants - and most of them have moved to Washington. We would be content, even fortunate, with just three honest-to-goodness Wise Men among Washington's appointed but not elected great and would-be great. In fact, we are grievously in need of just one. But the woods, parks, streets and even the Governmental alphabetical agencies are lousy with fellows who regard the original Wise Men as outmoded Model-T's, and are willing to shoot political dice on a moment's notice with such vital issues as men and human destinies - and bread. There is one distinction, however - the politicians on today are called Wise Guys, and they leave no gifts.

DECOLONIZE THROUGH SECRETARY WALLACE

But the wisest guys of all - and who, by the way, are disturbing Washington a whole lot these days - are the dictators of Europe who are getting three square meals a day by bamboozling their respective thundering human herds. But at that, the European peasant who believes his bayonet-decorated boss is God is not more dumbool than the citizen who believes that his Government can feed, clothe and house him eternally at the expense of the thrifty. Returning to my subject, those dictators, throwbacks from savage ancestors who fattened their lions on Christians, are hoping to achieve the successes of Alexander, Napoleon and Kaiser Bill without encountering their defeats. They were called conquerors then, but today they are simply crooked promoters. Alex. Nap and Bill could give the gory boys of Central Europe some sound advice. But they do not want advice, they pretend they want colonies - and use that issue as a sales talk for keeping their dupes in a fighting mood so the people may be further exploited. They ought to be allowed to have their colonies, I say.

A colony is a liability. Going deeper into this, there should be no colonies without the consent of the colonists. England and France, Belgium and Holland, Portugal, and Italy and Germany should all agree to give up their colonies. We should give up Hawaii, and all claims and protectorates over all peoples not within the Continental United States. A group of people should have independent sovereignty, and be not subjected to the domineering exploiters of any other country or government.

If they want to remain or become a part of another country, and are agreed upon that, then let them hold their own plebiscite - I do not mean a firing-squad plebiscite, but the bonafide consent of the people. Of course, now, come to think of it, Secretary Henry Wallace would make a dandy world-wide commissioner of plebiscites for colonies who want to stay with or quit other countries. His highly-perfected farm referendum, if slightly modified, ought to function admirably in such cases.

ANOTHER SANTA CLAUS

After the children's Christmas is over with, the world's greatest Santa Claus will set up headquarters under the dizzy dome in Capitol Hill. The 76th Congress is looking forward to, both hopefully and fearfully, as the most costly peacetime session in the history of the human race. Where'll they get the money for such a spending spree? Don't ask me - I'm not a magician. We are also destined to see a swing away from such hackneyed terms as Economic Planning, but

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GASTON MEANS DEAD IN JAIL

Swindler In Fake Lindbergh Kidnap Rescue Dies After Gall Bladder Operation

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., (UP)—Gaston B. Means, arch swindler, master liar, and gifted detective, died early today. He died a prisoner of the government, serving time for defrauding Mrs. Evelyn Walsh McLean, wealthy owner of the Hope Diamond, of \$104,000.

He was 57 years old and his giant frame had been withered by an illness extending over several years. He was brought here from the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, a week ago for a gall bladder operation. He succumbed to a heart attack. In his prime, he weighed 230 pounds and very little of it was fat.

Means' career was one of the odddest and most spectacular of his generation. He had been indicted for such crimes as murder, espionage, forgery, bribery, larceny, embezzlement, violations of the national prohibition act, conspiracy, and was a self-confessed master crook. But he was convicted only twice.

His death caused immediate speculation as to the whereabouts of some of his ill-gotten gains for he was reported to have swindled an assortment of victims out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. None or very little of it was ever recovered, and, as he usually lived on a modest scale, many believed the wily confidence man had a fortune cached.

Mrs. McLean never received any (Continued on page 3)

Cougars Drop 2 To Folsom

Meet San Juan Friday In Last Games Before Opening Of New Year

The Cougars dropped two games out of three to Folsom high school last Friday night, in the opening of their basketball campaign. The games were played in the county high school gymnasium and saw the Cougars Babes and the Boes beaten while the A five emerged on the long end of a 12 to 16 count.

Although the games opened inter-school competition for the Cougars, the contests were non-league games.

On Friday the Cougars go to San Juan for three more non-league games and this will wind up their inter-school play until January 4, after the Christmas school holiday. Folsom won the C team game, 17 to 10, and took the B team battle by a 20 to 18 count only after two over-time periods were played.

THURMAN HOPES TO HELP SPORTSMEN IN NEW GAME COMMISSION

Assemblyman-elect Allen G. Thurman, of this district is soliciting the support of the various sportsmen's organizations and central committees throughout the Sixth Assembly District in bringing to the attention of Governor-elect Culbert Olson, the need for representation on the Fish and Game Commission by this area which is the sportsmen's paradise of the state. The new governor will appoint his new commission shortly after the first of the year.

Heretofore, members of the Fish and Game Commission have been appointed from the larger cities of the state. It is Thurman's belief that the territory in which thousands of sportsmen fish and hunt, should be represented on the commission. A representative from this area who knows the needs from the angle of the sportsmen, the Assemblyman-elect believes would greatly assist in improving conditions for the sportsmen who annually spend millions of dollars throughout the state, a large share of which is spent in the ten counties of this Assembly district.

Wynola Bigelow has filed suit for divorce from Albert H. Bigelow, on grounds of cruelty. The complaint, prepared by Attorneys Henry S. Lyon and Robert E. Roberts, states that the couple wed at Placerville on August 21, 1937, and Separated December 1, last. They have one child whose custody the plaintiff asks.

FARM BUREAU ANNIVERSARY MEETING HELD SATURDAY

Twenty-First Birthday Of Organization In County Observed At Gathering Saturday Night At Coloma Community Hall

The twenty-first anniversary of the Farm Bureau in El Dorado County was observed at a gathering at Coloma on Saturday night which, it is indicated, will become the first of a series of annual meetings of county members of the Farm Bureau and their friends.

An attendance of approximately 250 was recorded at Coloma Community Hall for a dinner at 6:30 o'clock and a program which followed, with B. E. Haslam, vice-chairman of the county Farm Bureau, presiding.

James A. Irving, the present leader and for many years the president of the county farm bureau, who also was its first president, was unable to attend, not having recovered sufficiently from a recent operation. Principal speakers of the evening were W. B. Parker, secretary for the

state Agricultural Conservation Association under the A. A. A. and S. G. Rubinow, chairman of the public relations department of the California Farm Bureau Federation.

The various department chairmen of the county farm bureau made their annual reports and Farm Advisor Ivan Lilley spoke briefly.

A portion of the entertainment program, the showing of a motion picture through the courtesy of the Weaver Tractor Company, was abandoned owing to the failure of the projection machine. The Rescue 4-H Club orchestra entertained with selections during the program and played for a short period of dancing which concluded the evening.

The meeting had been arranged by a committee representing all county centers of the farm bureau, of which Mr. Haslam was chairman.

Football Like Traffic Wreck, French Assert

PARIS, (UP)—It is, Parisians today agreed, a combination of rugby, soccer, wrestling and bull fighting and very much like a collision between an automobile and a bus—much too brutal for the French taste.

They are talking, and with gestures, about the first real American football game ever played in Paris. The game was played by two teams brought over by Jimmy Crowley, the Fordham University coach. His all-stars beat the New Yorkers 25-14 Saturday and the New Yorkers turned the tables yesterday to the tune of 38-25.

The 2000 fans who got their first taste of football decided it was no game for the French. They considered the huddle the best part of the game.

NEW POWER LINE MEANS BETTER SERVICE FOR CAMINO

Within three weeks the tie-in power line between Camino and Pollock Pines will be completed according to Roy G. Strum, P. G. & E. manager.

Company construction crews are pushing work as fast as possible, he said.

The completed unit, authorities point out, means Camino will be assured of uninterrupted service. A recurrence of the lack of power suffered during last year's severe storms will be virtually impossible, they state.

It will be possible to serve Camino from the El Dorado power-house, the Camino and Diamond Springs sub-stations. In an emergency Auburn will be able to serve as far east as Pacific House.

Pilot Hill Maid To Be Bride Of Auburn Man

Announcement of the engagement of Miss Clara Collier to Clinton Marriot was made recently before 72 guests at a party in the Collier home.

Miss Collier is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Collier of Pilot Hill. She is a graduate of El Dorado county high school and Placer county college.

Marriot is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Marriot of Auburn. They plan to be married late next spring.

COUNTY CONSERVATION ASSOCIATIONS OPEN MEETING SERIES

Farm Advisor and Mrs. Ivan Lilley, Patricia McCann and B. E. Haslam, secretary of the conservation association, were at San Andreas Monday morning to attend the annual meeting of the conservation association in Calaveras County.

Election of officers for the Calaveras County association was on schedule.

On Tuesday at ten o'clock in the morning at the women's clubhouse in Inone, a similar meeting will be held for Amador County; and on Wednesday evening at the courthouse in Placerville, a like meeting will be held for El Dorado County.

The Alpine County meeting will be Saturday afternoon at one o'clock at the schoolhouse at Fredricksburg.

ADDED DEFICIT IN NEW BUDGET

President's Outline For 1940 Expected To Call For \$8-Billion Expense

By LYLE C. WILSON

WASHINGTON (UP)—President Roosevelt's 1940 budget estimates were expected today to call for expenditures of \$8,000,000,000 or more in the next fiscal year and to assure another large treasury deficit.

The budget message will be submitted to the new congress during the first week on January, probably Jan. 4, the day after congress meets.

Budget plans are carefully kept secret until estimates are read before congress. But upon the basis of known administration plans it does not now appear possible that Mr. Roosevelt will be able to bring government costs in the next fiscal year low enough to justify hope for an early budget balance.

The current fiscal year is budgeted for revenue of \$1,000,270,000, expenditure of \$8,985,157,600 and a net deficit of approximately \$4,000,000,000. Fiscal years begin annually on July 1 so that there remain almost seven months of the current period.

In the first five months and eight days of this fiscal year the deficit has increased daily by an average of almost \$10,000,000 and from congressional Republicans and Democrats there is a rising chorus of protest and criticism.

Typical of reasons why congress is not expected to vote the budget into balance this year is the dispute over relief expenditures in Southern States.

FIRST AID COURSE TO BE INSTITUTED ON JANUARY 9

Another one of the series of courses in first aid training under Red Cross auspices will be instituted in Placerville on January 9, it is announced by E. W. Zueger, instructor.

The course will include the standard work, and is also expected to attract the interest of winter sports fans, since it will include a special section on first aid in winter sports.

This is of interest in view of the recent decision of the National Ski Association to sponsor the formation throughout the country of "ski patrols" for use in winter sports emergencies such as the injury of skiers, or in the event that skiers encounter other difficulties such as being overcome by exhaustion or lost.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schwartz spent Sunday visiting friends at Angels Camp.

P. R. Shugart was representing Garden Valley in the county seat on Friday last.

13 More days to
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SKI EMBLEM AWARD MADE

Twelve-Year-Old Daughter Of H. V. Jespersen Wins With "Flying Boot"

Adele Jespersen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Jespersen, of Placerville, is the winner of a pair of ski poles offered by the Placerville Ski Club for the best design of an emblem for the club.

In an earlier announcement, a design by Paul Smith was named the winner in the contest, but the design was found to be too nearly the design of the emblem used by the American Olympic ski entries to be used by the club. When this became known, Mr. Smith declined to accept the ski poles.

The design submitted by Miss Jespersen and approved by the club is described by club members as "a flying ski boot."

Announcement of the award was made at the meeting of the club last Thursday night, at which attention also was called to the contest to name a candidate to enter for the club in the Sacramento Winter Sports Carnival, to be held at the capital city January 7.

Entries in this contest, in which points will be awarded on a basis of ski club memberships obtained by each before December 18, are Violet Cearley and Hazel Davey. The winner in the contest will represent the club and contest for the honor of being the queen at the winter sports carnival.

Club officers announced that Ernest Oppenheimer has volunteered to give free ski-ing instruction to any member of the club.

The club heard a report by Arnold N. Weber on his attendance at the recent meeting of the National Ski Association at Milwaukee, and also had as a speaker James McClure, winter sports chairman for the Sacramento Chamber of Commerce, who told of arrangements for the winter sports carnival.

Italy Covets French Port

New Unofficial Demands In Rome List Djibouti For "Re-Examination"

ROME (UP)—A second point was added to the unofficial Italian demands against France today when the authoritative Giornale d'Italia declared that the status of the French port of Djibouti—Gateway to Italian Ethiopia—must be re-examined.

Virginia Gayda, who previously indicated that breakup of French control of the Suez Canal Company was one of these lesser demands, wrote in the Giornale d'Italia today that Djibouti had "always been an active center of silent but constant war against Italy."

Djibouti is the French Port on the Red Sea which is essential to Italian commerce with Ethiopia, as to a lesser extent is the French owned railroad from Djibouti to Addis Ababa.

LAHIFF-WILLIAMSON HEARING OPENS IN COUNTY COURT

Hearing was begun Monday morning in Superior Court in the suit for upward of \$3,000, brought against Hector Williamson, Springfield cement contractor, for Henry Lahiff.

The issue, which is being heard before a jury, arises out of the association of the two in the erection of an earth-filled dam at Big Canyon, near Shingle Springs.

The selection of a jury was completed during the morning and the taking of testimony was begun.

Daughter Of Pioneer In County Summoned

The funeral services for Mrs. Martha Elizabeth Woodruff, 79, who died Friday at Sacramento, were held Sunday at that city and the body was removed following the service to Montrose, Colorado, for interment.

Mrs. Woodruff's father, Frank S. Roff, was said to have been the first marshall in Placerville in the days when it was known as Hangtown.

In addition to two daughters and three sons, Mrs. Woodruff is survived by three sisters, Mrs. May Field, Mrs. Clara Keith and Mrs. Mabel Ripley, all of Sacramento; and two brothers, Nye Roff, of Glen, and Roy Roff, of Colorado.

Seaman Honored



American seaman Clark Wyley, of the Uruguay, one of the Americas' "Good Neighbor Fleet," is pictured with a gold medal presented him by the stevedores of Rio de Janeiro for saving the life of one of their comrades. Wyley also received gilt replica of an early model ship, the privilege of entering Brazil at will, and the guarantee of a job for life.

CHAS. HENSONS ON HONEYMOON

Grandson Of Two County Families Takes Bride At Sacramento Saturday

Following their marriage at Fremont Presbyterian Church in Sacramento on Saturday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Henson are on a wedding trip to the southern part of the state and upon their return will make their home at the Hillcourt Apartments, Sacramento, pending completion of their new residence.

Mr. Henson is a grandson of Mrs. Margaret Henson, formerly of this county and more recently a resident of Oakland, and is also a grandson of Mr. and Mrs. A. Baumhoff, of this city. He is a son of Mrs. C. R. Pascoe.

The bridegroom's paternal grandmother, with her sister, Mrs. Molly White, came up from Oakland to attend the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. A. Baumhoff were unable to go to Sacramento for the service and the family was represented by Mr. and Mrs. William Baumhoff and their four children.

The bride was Miss Willa Bonham, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. W. H. Bonham, of Sacramento, at whose home a reception was held following the service. The bride is a graduate of Sacramento schools and the Chico State Teachers College and has been employed by the state.

Her husband, a graduate of the University of California and member of two honorary societies in electrical engineering, is employed at Sacramento with the Pacific Gas & Electric Company.

The wedding service was performed by the Rev. William Ehmann and the bride was attended by her sister, Mrs. James Callaway, as matron of honor, another sister, Miss Bernita Bonham, as maid of honor, and six honor attendants, among whom was Marcella Herzog, of Gold Hill.

The bridegroom had as best man his brother, Melvin Henson.

We join the couple's many friends in all good wishes.

HOME AND GARDEN CLUB HELD XMAS PARTY AT KELTY HOME

The annual Christmas party of the Home and Garden Club was held at the home of Mrs. Helen Kelty on Thursday last. The formal part of the afternoon was given to a discussion of bird houses and feeding trays, led by Mrs. Dee Narkaus, and a lecture on birds by Mrs. Margaret Redd.

Mrs. Redd listed thirty-one birds which she has identified within the city limits of Placerville. The meeting was concluded with an exchange of gifts among members.

Lumber Company Plans Expansion In '39

The Placerville Lumber company has closed its logging operations after cutting 13,500,000 feet of Ponderosa and sugar pine this season.

Of the total cut 10,000,000 feet was sold to the C. and M. Molding Company at Reno, and to the S. G. Beach box factory here.

Next year 150 men will be employed and two shifts will be on duty throughout the cutting season, according to H. E. West, a partner in the company.

FLAMES RAZE SUMNER HOME

Blaze Saturday Evening Discovered By Neighbors While Occupants Slept

The residence of Mrs. Lulu J. Sumner, on Clark street near the city limits, was destroyed by fire attributed to defective wiring about 11 o'clock Saturday night. Firemen were hampered in their work by a lack of a continuous flow of water and it was the opinion of observers that had water been available at least a part of the building could have been saved.

The flames were discovered by residents of the vicinity while Mrs. Sumner and her little grand daughter, Jane, and Miss Bernice Sawyer, who is employed in the household, were asleep. Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sumner, parents of the child, were attending a social gathering at the home of Dr. and Mrs. W. A. Reckers.

"Something awakened me," Mrs. Lulu Sumner said Monday morning. "I noticed upon looking out of the window that there must be a fire in the vicinity. Then I detected a trace of smoke and hurried upstairs to get Jane. It was only the second time I had been upstairs since my recent illness but I was able to get there."

"The room in which Jane was asleep was just across the hall from the room of her mother and father. The door to her mother's and father's room was closed but as I passed it, smoke was pouring from around it. (Turn to page 2)

Coaches Name West Team

New Year's Day Shrine Game Preparations To Be Advanced Tonight

SAN FRANCISCO, (UP)—Three western coaches tonight will select an all-western team to oppose the east in the annual Shrine football game here Jan. 2.

The selection was postponed on Sunday until tonight, because of the late arrival from the northwest of Coach Orrin (Babe) Hollingbery of Washington State.

Hollingbery, Biff Jones of Nebraska and Percy Locoy of Oregon State will choose the 22-man team from players who have completed their college eligibility at schools west of the Mississippi.

Al Wolf of Santa Clara, and Vic Bottari of California, both of whom received All-America ratings during 1938 were considered certain selections.

TAHOE RESORT MAN HAS LEGS BROKEN IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Walter Hansen, of Fallen Leaf lodge, suffered a fracture of both legs in an auto accident at Lake Valley Friday afternoon and is a patient at a Carson City Hospital.

This is according to word received Saturday morning by Ranger Raleigh Bryan, from Lake Valley.

Hansen is reported to have been driving along the highway between the wye and Camp Richardson when the car left the road. With him was Bellow, cook for many years in Lake Valley, who suffered two broken ribs in the accident.

Mrs. Wilson Craven, of Sacramento, with whom Hansen is associated in the management of Fallen Leaf Lodge, was in Placerville Saturday enroute to the resort.

Lyman Bender and son, Joseph, were in town Monday from Pleasant Valley.

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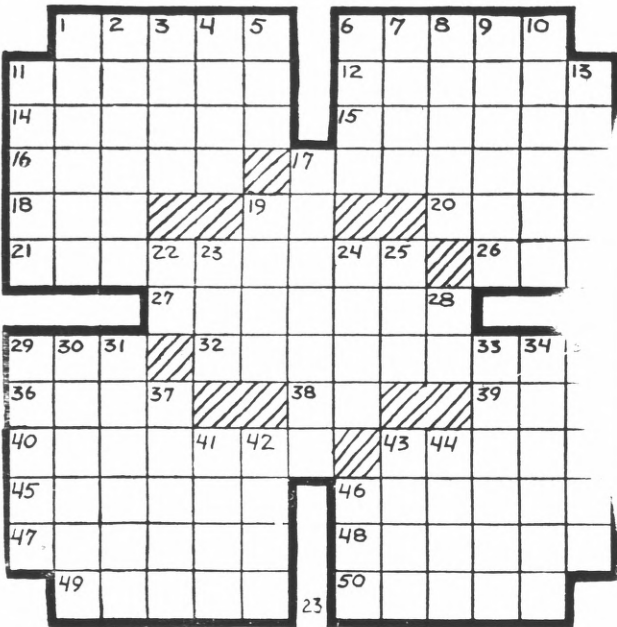
By LARS MORRIS
ANSWER TO
PREVIOUS PUZZLE

- ACROSS
- Combining form: star
 - Natives of northern Russia
 - Musical dramas
 - Singing bird
 - Site of sanctuary in Italy
 - Pertaining to teeth
 - The upper crust
 - Put into words again
 - Scandinavian man's name
 - Start
 - Word from which others are derived
 - Continuum in tone (music)
 - Shout come
 - Snatch, making
 - Critic's name
 - Deceased
 - Bank of capital
 - Genitive four math
 - Disruption
 - Process of burning
 - Agreement
 - Verbal of magnet
 - Weak inelasticity
 - Discoloration of plate
 - Reflector
 - Throne of Horace



- DOWN
- Mountain in Colorado
 - Deposit of ore
 - God of war
 - Liquid measure
 - Ethnic tuber
 - Destined for nomination
 - Butter substitutes
 - Hand-picked, as figs
 - Those who deepen metal work
 - Chew
 - Sign of infinity
 - Bitter vetch
 - Colombian seaport
 - Remnant
 - Second person pronoun
 - Calm down
 - Factors of the cosmos
 - Field zone
 - Pull back
 - Received pay for work
 - Active
 - Short expression of rules of conduct
 - Cattle in chess
 - French painter
 - Wine-growing valley in California
 - Combination of nucleus and electrons
 - Pondle

1—Handsome man
2—Progression
3—Allowance for waste
4—Classify



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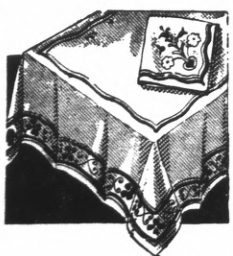
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Book Mark

By JANE VOILES

We don't happen to move in his social orbit but the friend of a friend made it possible for us to see the Christmas purchases of Mr. Midas. We were ushered into one of those high-ceilinged, book lined rooms smelling pleasantly of musty old leather. A chap who was a dead ringer for the snooty looking butler in the movies stood guard over the treasures displayed on a center table.

"These few books cost about \$140,000 commented the much impressed friend of a friend.

At first glance with no cheery, colorful dust covers to dazzle the eye, the collection looked as though it might have been chosen haphazardly out of one of our favorite ten cent bins. A more careful observation corrected that impression.

We were attracted by a three volume first edition of "Lorna Doone."

"These three volumes cost \$185," said our guide.

Will they ever be read, we wondered, or will they just be show pieces in a cabinet. We think it is Christopher Morley who says somewhere that a book isn't born until someone has read it. Perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea to read "Lorna Doone" again. We must look up our old high school text. One of the professors at U. C. (not in the English department) used to say that no great novel has been written since "Lorna Doone."

The next book was a white goat skin bound copy of the Rubaiyat of Omar Khayyam, not a first but a publication of the famous Golden Cockerel Press (price \$19.00). We would have loved this copy in that happy long ago when we carried the Rubaiyat and a bunch of violets with us on all important occasions. That was the time, it lasted about a year, when all the problems of life could be solved by a quatraine. We can quote some of them still:

"When you and I behind the veil are past
Oh, but the long, long while the
World shall last.

Which of our coming and departure
needs

As the sea's self should heed a pebble cast."

"The Moving finger writes and
having writ,
Moves on; nor all your Piety nor
Wit
Shall lure it back to cancel half a
line
Nor all your tears wash out a word
of it."

Today the young lady in our house hold reads the Rubaiyat in order to parody it. It is no wonder, she asserts, that we never get anywhere letting that negative philosophy get under our skin. She may be right, yet we think she is missing something.

One of Mr. Midas' friends is going to get a first edition of "Uncle Tom's Cabin." Did you remember that this book has a subtitle which is, "Life Among the Lowly?" Since prices seem to be the chief virtue of this Christmas collection, this book cost \$125. We would prefer the dollar edition, thank you, if any one is thinking of presenting it to us. To be truthful, we would rather renew our memories of that book by seeing one of the stock companies of our childhood put on a gala performance. Almost suffocated with anticipation, we used to wait for Eliza to make her momentous crossing on the ice, for Topsy to make us laugh as none of the movie folk can today, for Simon Legree to strike terror into our heart just by cracking his whip and for the grand climax, the ascension of Little Eva to heaven. Nevertheless "Uncle Tom's Cabin" is a great book. Harriet Beecher Stowe was consumed by a burning desire to make known the cruelty of slavery and this desire infuses itself into the writing. Tolstoi called this book true art.

The last item was a two volume first edition of Goldsmith's "Vicar of Wakefield" that cost \$950, believe it or not. No, it's binding is not jewel-encrusted, it is quite unpretentious: speckled calf skin in a leather case. Our copy of the "Vicar" cost a dime. We picked it up at a Salvation Army store a long time ago. Next to Robinson Crusoe

Flames Destroy Sumner Home

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it and it was afire.

"I was able to get Jane downstairs and by that time Bernice was awake and I turned the baby over to her and was going to call the firemen when she told me that it was needless since the department had already been notified and was on its way.

"There was little fire in the house earlier in the evening. I don't know what could have caused the fire unless it was defective wiring."

Mrs. Sumner said that the property is served by a two-inch line run to the Webber Creek ditch of the El Dorado Irrigation District, but that at the time of the fire there was not a sufficient amount of water in the ditch to provide fire protection.

In this connection, it has been suggested by other sources that the new water line being installed on Clark Street by the city might have been turned on in the emergency. City Marshall James P. Morton said Monday morning in this regard that he would have been glad to open up the line if it would have done any good, but the line was not yet connected for service at the time of the fire.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Sumner lost almost all of their clothing and personal effects in the fire as did little Jane. Mrs. Lulu Sumner's clothing and some of the household furniture on the lower floor of the dwelling were saved.

According to the elder Mrs. Sumner, the site had been the family home since 1857, when the original dwelling was erected there by Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Pitchford. The home destroyed in the fire, it was understood, was erected about 1900.

Although some insurance was carried on the building, the fire destroyed many family mementoes and keepsakes which are irreplaceable.

"A phreosic mouldering pleasure 'tis
To meet an antique book
In just the dress his century wore."

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By BILL BRAUCHER

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An Englishman has trained a horse to run backwards. He probably got his idea from some of the horses we've picked at race tracks.

If the King and Queen of England are served tea when they come to the United States next year, we hope there isn't a wise-cracker around.

TODAY'S QUIZ: Why doesn't the Dies committee take up the matter of the little red school house?

France is developing the artificial teeth industry. There ought to be quite a demand with the European countries negotiating treaties.

Appeasement is a popular word in Europe. We're not quite sure, but we think it means the feeling that Junior has when he looks under the Christmas tree and finds everything there that he had asked for.

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By Harry F. O'Neill

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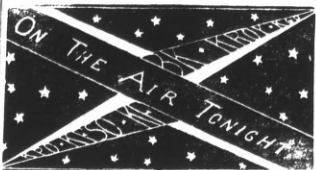
the same cute tricks will appear on the bill under the title of National Defense—with the epithet of "unpatriotic" being pasted on those who do not see eye-to-eye and vote yes-to-yes with the expert planners of our expensive plans.

I am not a squealer nor a low talebearer, exactly, but this scribble from the Ozark hills will leave his sorghum plantation and razorback ranch in Possum Trot Hollow and move in with Congress—and will make it his special business to tell off on the high-salaried boys who became frenzied protectors of the farmer and the workingman on the election years. So watch this column for squawks you will not find in the regular Washington news dispatches. 1939 will be a big year because it ushers in 1940!

EMBARRASSING MOMENTS

To meet Sen. Fuller Breeze in Washington's market place, and, after extending yourself in flowery praise of his recent radio speech, have six-year-old Junior chime in with: "Aw, Daddy, you turned him off—that was Charlie McCarthy we listened to" . . . To leave the old car at a high-blown service emporium for a swell greasing job and find, after you drive it out, that they misunderstood your order and had greased the steering wheel, shifting levers and cushions instead of the bearings . . . To call your butcher on the telephone and, after asking him several times if he had any brains, discover that you had the wrong number and were talking to a haughty Brain Trustster!

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Half past seven, another double attraction, with Al Pierce on KPO and Eddie Cantor, KSFO.

Eight o'clock, Amos and Andy, KPO and 8:15 Lum and Abner, KSFO, with that auto tire program picking up at 8:30, KPO.

Nine o'clock, Hawthorne House, KPO, etc., etc.

THREE MONTHS IN JAIL FOR KELSEY MAN IN BURGLARY CASE

James P. Morris, of Kelsey, who pleaded guilty to a charge of burglary in the second degree and applied for probation, was sentenced Saturday in Superior Court to serve three months in the county jail, following which he will be admitted to probation for a period of three years.

Morris had been arrested by Sheriff George M. Smith and Deputy Ralph Jones while coming out of the Dayton shaft of the Black Oak mine at Garden Valley about 3 o'clock in the morning and subsequently confessed, authorities said, that he had entered the mine for the purpose of burglary.

Leslie Groves, who had been taken into custody in connection with the case, has been released.

Sports Parade

By HENRY McLEMORE

LOS ANGELES, (P)—Today, as I wrapped up my grandmother's Christmas present (a rug I hooked for her—from a large department store), word came that the record number of 107 horses had been named for the next, and fifth, running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita handicap.

The list, at \$100 per entry, includes almost all of the worth-while runners in training save War Admiral and Lawrin, and is headed by the ubiquitous Seabiscuit, that four-legged miser who seems determined to bag all the gold in racing. Now only \$35,000 shy of the all-time money-winning record, Seabiscuit's victory in the March 4th race would place the former cast-off a fortune out in front, and complete a rags-to-riches saga that would require a horsey Horatio Alger to tell.

Rated off his smashing win over War Admiral at Baltimore, Seabiscuit would seem to have the handicap at his mercy, after losing it in photo finishes to Rosemont and Stagehand. However, the presence of 106 other horses in the entry list indicates that there are plenty of owners who aren't too afraid of the old TRAVELLIN' MAN.

Come to think of it, what would happen if all of Seabiscuit's rivals showed up on March 4 to have a whack at him? All the owners have to do is make a 107 horse race of it to deposit \$250 more on March 3, and \$750 the day of the race. Such a thing is improbable, but it isn't impossible. Very few of the owners would miss the \$1100, because you don't operate a stable if \$1100 upsets your budget.

Take an owner like Louis B. Mayer, for example, who is now buying horses not only left and right, but south by southeast, and north by northeast. He named seven for the handicap, and being a Hollywood picture man might very well decide to see his silks seven times in the race, instead of once. W. E. Boeing, the airplane man, has six horses entered and take a flier with all six.

I hope all 107 do start. I missed the California gold rush of '49 and would like to see one in '39. If Santa Anita wants to do something in the real Hollywood, super-terrific style, it should see that the 107 do start.

What a race that would be. Newspapers would have to send ten writers instead of one. The radio would need scores of announcers.

One bugler wouldn't be enough to call the horses to the post, so the United States Marine Band would play "Boots and Saddle."

The parade to the post would be longer than the combined parades of the American Legion, the Shriners, the Elks, and Ringling Bros.

The supreme court would have to be brought from Washington to watch for fouls, and aerial map makers hired to take the picture of the finish.

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Flag Rank



Expected appointment of Capt. Ross T. McIntire (above), White House physician as surgeon general of the Navy, will automatically raise him to rank of rear admiral.

NEWS PERSONALS

Ranger Raleigh R. Bryan, of Lake Valley District on Eldorado Forest, is on annual leave.

The regular meeting of the farm center in the Kelsey district will be held on Friday night.

Chris Rear, 47, arrested Saturday by California Highway Patrol officers for violation of the county ordinance relating to drunkenness on the public highway, was given a thirty-day suspended sentence before Justice of the Peace T. F. Lewis.

Mrs. Thelma Eichner was hostess at an informal luncheon at her home on Wednesday of last week. Guests included Mrs. June Longhurst, Mrs. Margaret Hazelton, Mrs. Harriet Peterson, Mrs. Margaret Redd and Mrs. Dee Narkaus.

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Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Richardson, Jr., have returned here from Lake Tahoe, where they have been living for some time, to take charge of the Pierce-Arrow Cafe from Paul Rossiter to whom they had the place of business leased.

Paul Rossiter left the latter part of last week for Reno where he will visit with his relatives for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Boggs were in Sacramento Friday and Saturday of last week on business.

Gaston Means Dead In Jail

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of her \$104,000. A wealthy Washington, D. C., newspaper owner and society woman, she was deeply touched by the kidnapping of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr. Means went to her with a story of being in touch with the kidnapers who were willing to surrender the baby to him for \$100,000. She gave him the money plus \$4000 for expenses and he conducted a party to Aiken, S. C., for the payoff. The kidnapers, of course didn't appear and he sent Mrs. McLean on a wild goose chase to El Paso. Then he asked her for \$35,000 and she started the proceedings which ended in his conviction in May, 1933, when he was sentenced to 15 years imprisonment and fined \$10,000.

Much of the Means legend came from Means himself, as he was a pathological liar, the record of his indictments is the only trustworthy record of his career. These begin in 1914 when he was charged with swindling an insurance company of \$4000.

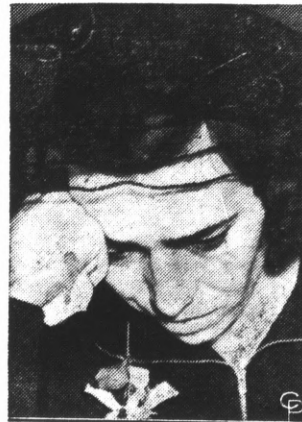
Next he wrapped a piece of wood in heavy brown paper, insured it for a gold brick, expressed it to himself, then tried to collect \$57,000. This failed. Meanwhile, he had been attempting for years to get himself appointed an agent of the federal department of justice and in 1921 he succeeded. Two years later he provided a major scandal of the Harding administration. It developed that he and his accomplices had accepted bribes totaling \$65,000, that they had opened government warehouses to bootleggers, profiting \$100,000 thereby, that they had shaken down a Chicago bootlegger for \$75,000, and that they had attempted to bribe four of his high superiors. For this, he served four years in Atlanta Federal penitentiary.

He was released in 1928 and in 1930 published his book, "The Strange Death of President Harding," in which he inferred that Harding had not died a natural death, but had been poisoned. He became a violent anti-communist and authorities next found him in a lucrative job "protecting" a wealthy New York society woman and her daughter from "red agents."

For this service, he was said to have persuaded his client to part with \$100,000.

Louis Volz and Albert Ferrell were up from Stockton to spend the day with the former's son, Philip Volz and wife, at their home in the Fruit Ridge district.

Prayed—Son Died



Mrs. Lillian Volstad weeps after a Judge in Los Angeles court found her guilty of manslaughter in the death of her 9-year-old son. The boy, suffering a ruptured appendix, died while Mrs. Volstad attempted to cure him by prayer.

The Forest Service and the P. G. & E. Company co-operatively have completed erection of a new steel bridge crossing the American River at Alder Creek, replacing the wooden structure washed away in the storm of a year ago.

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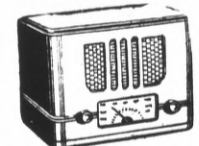
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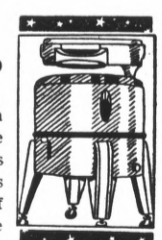
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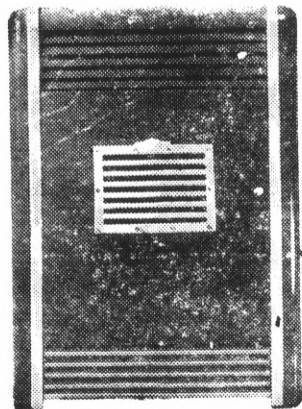
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Up and Down Broadway

By JACK GAVER

United Press Staff Writer

NEW YORK (UP)—Just as 15 years ago the theatre-goers awaited expectantly the new plays of Eugene O'Neill with an air of "what's the rascal up to now?" so today they anticipate each new dramatic work from the study of Clifford Odets with an enthusiasm accorded no other playwright. Of course, this simply means that he is a new boy with plenty on the ball and not that he has kicked such veterans as Maxwell Anderson, Sidney Howard, Robert Sherwood and a few others of similar caliber off the top rung of the theater's success ladder.

The production of "Rocket to the Moon" by the Group Theatre, which once employed Odets as an actor and has produced all his plays, demonstrates anew that as a master of pungent dialogue he has no equal, but he still needs to polish his handling of situations. This play, as did the highly successful "Golden Boy" of last season, steers clear of the class struggle, which claimed much of Odets' attention in his first four plays, but it is still far too early to accept this as a trend indicating that he has abandoned the workers and their problems. The chances are that he will be back in there swinging a hard left at the right wing his next time out.

"Rocket to the Moon" is a study of incompatibility in marriage and Odets fails to resolve his problem with acceptable clarity, but the play contains at least an act and a half as of natural and lilting dialogue as you will find anywhere.

The playwrights are still tilting at the totalitarian windmill and still coming off second best. The latest dramas on the anti-dictatorship scheme are "Lorelei," by Jacques Deval, distinguished French author, and "Glorious Morning," by Norman Macowan.

"Lorelei" deals directly with the German Nazis and has more of a romantic tinge than other dramas of this type. A Nobel prize winning German scientist of purest Aryan breed is revolted by the Nazi tactics and exiles himself across the border in a small resort hotel, where he can look back on his beloved Fatherland. Here he writes pamphlets appealing to the German people to throw off the Hitler yoke which aviators drop on German cities.

Comfortably married to a plump, kindly hausfrau, he has an eye for young women and a near romance of his university days is revived by the sudden appearance of a former student. She has obtained a 30-day leave from Germany to look up the scientist. She is an ardent supporter of the German government and hopes to get him to go back with her, but when she realizes how much she loves him and that his return probably would mean execution rather than pardon she exiles herself by overstaying her leave.

But the German government has designated as hostage for her the young army officer who loved her and when she received word that he is to be shot because of her defection she decides there is nothing she can do but go back to imprisonment or death even if there is little likelihood of her arriving in time to prevent the officer's death. Having lost the one thing that made exile bearable to him, the scientist too walks back across the boundary line, knowing that at least his trial and execution will add another straw to

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"Glorious Morning" deals with the dictatorship in Zagnira, a mythical country, which might be a blend of Germany and Russia. As in "Lorelei" racial persecution plays no part in this one, the author being mainly concerned with the question of freedom to worship a power higher than that of the state. The dictatorship has wiped out the Church, presumably the Catholic church, in Zagnira and the totalitarian revolution has been consolidated in seven years in all parts of the country except the agricultural province of Burglitzia, where the local representatives of the dictator have had to be a little lenient because the people are of a different nature than in the previously oppressed mining and industrial sections. General Gurgani

Louis Veerkamp was among the callers in the county seat on Monday from Gold Hill, and included this office in his round of calls.

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of the Supreme Council visits the region to correct any laxness just at a time when a daughter of the ancient land-holding Veerkind family comes back home from the university with tales of a vision a la Jeanne d'Arc in which she is told that she must go to the people and tell them that God still reigns supreme no matter what the government says. This, of course, is high treason punishable by death and Gurgani condemns the girl, her grandfather and some 90 others who have listened to the forbidden word. The author ends on the note that these are martyrs and their deaths will not be in vain.

Produced Oscar Hammerstein engaged a well trained cast including Lee Baker, Jeanne Dante, Vera Allen, John Balmer, Winston O'Keefe, Frederic Tozare and St. Clair Bayfield.

Norman Robotham was a weekend visitor in Placerville from San Francisco.

CARD PARTY NOTICE
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